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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: ANDEAN INVESTMENT MISSION

REF: STATE 9832

1. FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF RESULTS ADVANCE TEAM VISIT,
REFTEL, WASHINGTON APPROVES ANDEAN INVESTMENT MISSION TO
COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU AND BOLIVIA.

2. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR MAY 8 THROUGH MAY 20:

MAY 8 - MIAMI TO LIMA
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MAY 9 - LIMA
MAY 10 - LIMA; DEPART LATE NIGHT
MAY 11 - LA PAZ
MAY 12 - LA PAZ
MAY 13 - SANTA CRUZ
MAY 14 - SANTA CRUZ
MAY 15 - SANTA CRUZ TO QUITO, ARRIVING MID-AFTERNOON

MAY 16 - QUITO
MAY 17 - QUITO; MID-DAY TO GUAYAQUIL
MAY 18 - GUAYAQUIL; MID-DAY TO QUITO-BOGOTA
MAY 19 - BOGOTA
MAY 20 - CALI
MAY 21 - RETURN TO U.S.

3. REQUEST EMBASSIES TO CONTACT AMERICAN CHAMBERS AND OTHER LOCAL CO-SPONSORS IN EACH COUNTRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ABOVE TIMING OF VISITS FEASIBLE. TOP AMCHAM REPS MAY BE ATTENDING U.S. CHAMBER/AACLA MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON TO END MAY 6, BUT HOPEFULLY COULD RETURN BEFORE OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION ARRIVES. OTHER LOCAL CO-SPONSORS ARE: BOGOTA-ANDI; QUITO-CENDES; AND LA PAZ-CEPB.

IN LIMA, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM ANDEAN PACT JUNTA OF TIMING. (MISSION DISCUSSED BY OPIC WITH BARANDIARAN IN WASHINGTON FEB 24; HE ENTHUSIASTIC AND PROMISED FULL SUPPORT OF JUNTA--PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MISSION'S VISITS TO BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR.) EMB LIMA WILL RECALL THAT COFIDE GAVE INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD FILL ROLE OF LOCAL SPONSOR. WE WONDER, HOWEVER: (A) IF THERE IS A LOCAL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES OR SIMILAR GROUP WHICH MIGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY SERVE AS PRIVATE SECTOR LOCAL SPONSOR, AND (B) IF NOT, WHETHER IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR COFIDE TO COORDINATE WITH CONITE. IN ANY CASE, PROBABLY GOOD IDEA FOR EMBASSY TO HOLD OFF CONTACTING EITHER PARTY UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSING WITH MANSBACH (SEE PARA. 6 BELOW).

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4. OPIC HAD HOPED TO SCHEDULE MISSION TOUR IN APRIL AND HAD SO INFORMED LOCAL CO-SPONSORS. TRUST CHANGE IN SCHEDULE WILL NOT PRESENT THEM WITH PROBLEMS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE OPIC OF EMBASSY AND CO-SPONSOR RESPONSES BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

6. OPIC DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN INSURANCE, MANSBACH, ACCOMPANIED BY INSURANCE OFFICER, SUSAN MASHKES, PLANNING FINAL ADVANCE TRIP IN NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS MARCH 14 ARRIVAL IN BOGOTA. WILL ADVISE TRAVEL SCHEDULE AS SOON AS FINALIZED.
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